



January 23, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse Antitrust Division Department of Justice 601 D Street, NW Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing on behalf of the Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce to support the proposed settlement agreement that has been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. While we believe that many of the charges raised by the Department of Justice in the lawsuit could be true, it is time to shift our focus and our limited resources to other priorities.

The proposed settlement contains something in it for all of the parties involved in the lawsuit while maintaining its overall balance. It is a fair compromise that put into place guidelines for Microsoft's future activities while imposing penalties for its past actions. Most importantly, it allows the freedom for Microsoft to continue to innovate and develop new products and applications.

Please support the proposed settlement. It is time to put this issue to rest.

Sincerely,

Connie Pedenko,

Chief Executive Officer